

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application for the telephone interview courteously extended to the undersigned Attorney.

In the Advisory Action, it was indicated that the proposed recitation "opposite edges" on line 11 of claim 3 presented new 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues and did not place the case in condition for allowance. During the telephone interview, it was pointed out that the claim previously referred to "lateral longitudinal edges of the strips". Accordingly, the term "opposite" has been changed to --said longitudinal edges-- to overcome the indefiniteness.

In the course of the telephone interview the Examiner brought to the attention of the undersigned Attorney U.S. Patent 6,373,005 which was cited in the first Office Action but never applied against the claims.

The patent to Griesbach et al. 6,373,005 is directed to a jamming-detection device which disclosed a central elevation 38 in contact with the film pressure sensor 32. It was pointed out that Griesbach et al. disclosed an entirely different type of pressure sensitive element as set forth in the claim of the present application. Furthermore, the weather strip of Griesbach et al. must have two leg portions 16 acting as force transmitters between a trapped obstacle 39 and the side areas 38 of the hollow section containing the pressure sensor 32. The trapping force F is conducted through the legs 16 and applied to the edge areas 36 of the pressure sensor 32 so as to cause a deflection of the sensor and an essentially V-shape in which it is activated.

In the arrangement of Griesbach et al. the trapping force is not exerted onto the pressure sensor 36 directly through the lower horizontal wall member which defines the hollow compartment. Thus, the pair of flexible electrically conductive strips of the pressure sensitive element of the present invention are pressed into engagement with each other.

It was agreed that the structure of the present invention as specifically set forth in the claim was different from the construction of the detection device of Griesbach et al. Therefore, it was further agreed to amend the whereby clause to more clearly bring out the fact that the pressure sensitive element will always be deformed about the projection as a result of the fixed central location of the projection in relation to the pressure sensitive element to bring the

*Int. Summary
is not correct
since no agreement
was reached
regarding the
invention or the
claims. See the
interview summary
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 10/038,586

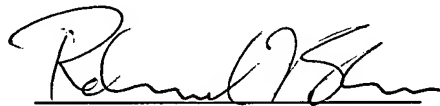
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electrically conductive strips into contact with each other. It is therefore submitted that new claim 4 submitted herewith clearly overcomes the indefiniteness noted in the Advisory Action and more clearly brings out the advantages of the claimed structure in the whereby clause. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that new claim 4 be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that a further interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized the statutory fee of to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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